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Application Number	10/074,713
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First Named Inventor	Van Acker
Art Unit	3634
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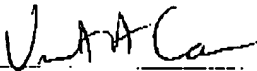
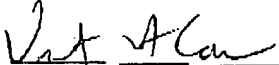
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Applicant(s): Van Acker					
Serial No. 10/074,713	Filing Date February 13, 2002	Examiner Alvin C. Chin Sue	Group Art Unit 3634		
Invention: SAFETY SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR BOSUN'S CHAIR					
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